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April 21, 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Katlian Bay Road in forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Shee Atika Inc. an Alaska Native Corporation and a federally recognized tribal entity under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Alaska Department of Transportation would be the likely recipient and manager of the project funds. Shee Atika Inc. is located at 315 Lincoln Street, Suite 300 Sitka, Alaska 99835-7579.

The funding is designated to provide additional construction funds for the construction and maintenance of bridges included within the scope of the project. The project consists of approximately nine miles of new single-lane, unpaved road with bridge crossings, beginning at the northern end of Halibut Point Road, extending east along the south shoreline of Katlian Bay, crossing the Katlian River, and ending four miles east of the Katlian Bay estuary at the boundary between Shee Atika and U.S. Forest Service Lands.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits for the city and residents of the City and Borough of Sitka. The road will provide increased economic, recreational and subsistence opportunities on Baranof Island within U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Sitka Ranger District managed lands, provide access to Native Corporation (Shee Atika) lands, and provide access to potential new material sources on State, Federal and Native Corporation lands for possible future development. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

April 21, 2021